



Town of Easton

MARYLAND

Robert C. Willey
Mayor

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-03
ADOPTION OF ADDITIONAL EMERGENCY MEASURES
RELATED TO PREVIOUS STATE OF EMERGENCY
DECLARATION FOR THE TOWN OF EASTON FOR
COVID-19

WHEREAS, the disease known as COVID-19 is a severe respiratory disease, that spreads easily from person to person and may result in serious illness or death;

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has declared the COVID-19 outbreak a global pandemic;

WHEREAS, a Declaration of State of Emergency and Existence of a Catastrophic Health Emergency was declared by Governor Hogan of the State of Maryland on March 5, 2020;

WHEREAS, a Proclamation on Declaring a National Emergency Concerning the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Outbreak was issued by the President of the United States on March 13, 2020;

WHEREAS, the first confirmed case of COVID-19 in Talbot County was reported on March 15, 2020;

WHEREAS, the Talbot County Council issued an Emergency Declaration COVID-19 on March 16, 2020;

WHEREAS, as the COVID-19 outbreak and public safety emergency continues, it threatens the lives, health and property in the Town of Easton;

WHEREAS, Section 14-111 of the Public Safety Article of the Maryland Annotated Code authorizes the chief executive officer of a political subdivision to declare a local state of emergency to activate the response and recovery aspects of any applicable local state of emergency plan and authorize the provision of aid and assistance under such plans;

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WHEREAS, the Mayor of the Town of Easton previously issued Executive Order 2020-01 to declare a State of Emergency for the Town of Easton for COVID-19 on March 19, 2020 (“Executive Order 2020-01”) and Executive Order 2020-02 to add to the Executive Order 2020-01 terms on March 23, 2020 (“Executive Order 2020-02”);

WHEREAS, the Town Council adopted Resolution 6116 on April 6, 2020 to extend the Mayor’s Executive Order 2020-01 and Executive Order 2020-02 until the Mayor rescinds the Executive Orders;

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the Town of Easton wishes to rescind Paragraph 6 from Executive Order 2020-01 related to the suspension of Motor Vehicle Registration flagging for unpaid parking tickets and speed camera violations;

WHEREAS, on April 15, 2020, the Governor of Maryland issued Executive Order No. 20-04-15-1 entitled “Requiring Use of Face Coverings Under Certain Circumstances and Requiring Implementation of Certain Physical Distancing Measures” (the “April 15th Governor’s Order”), which in part, requires the use of Face Coverings in Retail Establishments and Foodservice Establishments for customers and staff;

WHEREAS, the Governor has passed numerous other Executive Orders which allow various businesses, organizations, establishments and facilities to be open including the most recent Executive Order No. 20-05-13-01, entitled “Amending and Restating the Order of May 6, 2020, Allowing Reopening of Certain Businesses and Facilities, Subject to Local Regulation”, enacted on May 13, 2020, which, in part, authorizes the reopening of certain businesses, organizations, establishments, and facilities at 5:00 p.m. on May 15, 2020, subject to certain conditions and in compliance with orders of political subdivisions (the “May 13th Governor’s Order”);

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the Governor will pass additional Executive Orders in the future that will allow additional businesses, organizations, establishments, and facilities to reopen;

WHEREAS, to the extent it is not otherwise clear or covered in the Governor’s Executive Orders, and to the extent future Executive Orders do not address face coverings for additional businesses, organizations, establishments, and facilities that are permitted to reopen, the Mayor of the Town of Easton wishes to require face coverings to be worn by all customers, clients, visitors, employees, and staff over the age of nine in all businesses, organizations, establishments, and

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facilities (collectively, “Businesses”) (including but not limited to essential Businesses, Businesses that have recently been allowed to open, or Businesses that are not yet open but that open in the future and provided for in Executive Orders and interpretative guidance issued by the Governor) in the Town of Easton that are open to the public, in the public enclosed areas and during interactions with the public when six-foot distancing and/or a physical barrier is not possible.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROBERT C. WILLEY, Mayor of the Town of Easton, pursuant to my authority under the Charter of the Town of Easton, Maryland and Section 14-111 of the Public Safety Article of the Maryland Annotated Code do hereby issue this Adoption of Additional Emergency Measures Related to Previous State of Emergency Declaration for the Town of Easton for COVID-19 (which, together with Executive Order 2020-01 and Executive Order 2020-02, shall be collectively referred to as the “Emergency Declaration”) and order the following:

- (1) **Recission of Motor Vehicle Administration (“MVA”) flagging:** Paragraph 6 of Executive Order 2020-01 pertaining to suspension of MVA flagging for unpaid parking tickets or speed camera violations is hereby rescinded.
- (2) **Face Coverings:** All Businesses within the Town of Easton whose customers, clients, visitors, employees, and staff are not otherwise required to wear a Face Covering by Executive Order of the Governor are nonetheless required to enforce the wearing of Face Coverings for all customers, clients, visitors, employees and staff over the age of nine in enclosed areas of the Business that are open to the public while the public, clients, customers, or visitors are present in the enclosed area open to the public, and if social distancing measures of six (6) feet or a physical barrier cannot be maintained. All Businesses covered by this provision shall post signage at each entrance providing notice of such requirement. “Face Covering” means a covering that fully covers a person’s nose and mouth, but that is not required to be a Medical-Grade Mask. The term “Face Covering” includes, without limitation, scarves and bandanas.
- (3) **Publication:** This Emergency Declaration shall be promptly publicized.

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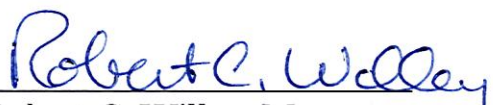
- (4) **Effective Date:** This Emergency Declaration shall be effective for a period of thirty (30) days unless extended by legislative action of the Easton Town Council.
- (5) **Penalty:** The penalty for knowingly and willfully violating this Executive Order shall be a fine of \$25.00 for each offense.
- (6) **Supersedes Inconsistent Local Law:** This Emergency Declaration and the orders herein shall supersede any inconsistent or conflicting local law, rule, or regulation.
- (7) **Does not Supersede Governor's Executive Orders:** This Executive Order does not supersede any Executive Order of the Governor and is intended to be more restrictive and apply to and in Businesses that are not otherwise covered by Executive Orders of the Governor.
- (8) **Further Amendments:** This Emergency Declaration may be revised or amended from time to time as needed in the discretion of the Mayor.
- (9) **Severability:** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Executive Order is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Executive Order, it being the intention of the Mayor that the Executive Order shall stand, notwithstanding the invalidity of any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion hereof.

This order is issued on this twentieth day of May, 2020, and I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Town of Easton, Maryland to be affixed.

ATTEST:



Kathy M. Ruf, Town Clerk



Robert C. Willey, Mayor